प्रसंस्करण मशीनरी की खरीद आदि के लिए ऋण और इम्दाद के रूप में वित्तीय सहायता दी जाती है। तैयार की गई सापेक्ष योजना देश के सभी चाय उत्पादक क्षेत्रों पर लागू होगी।

Import of Edible Oil Under Commodity Exchange Programme

4505. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are planning to get edible oil from other countries under commodity exchange programme;

(b) if so, which are the commodities identified for exports; and

(c) whether Government are allowing State Governments to import edible oil in rupee payment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR (a) and (b) No sir.

(c) Yes, Sir, Government have allowed the State governments to import edible oil for which payment in rupees will be adjusted against export proceeds of specified commodities.

Visit of Trade Delegations

4506. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of trade delegation which have visited India from abroad and the trade delegations the country have sent abroad after the liberalisation of economy; and

(b) how many visits were successful from both sides and how much amount has been spent on our delegations visit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) After the liberalisation of economy 19 delegations have visited India and 14 delegations have been sent abroad. The visits of these delegations have been successful in arriving at a fuller understanding of the concerns of each other. An approximate amount of Rs. 15.82 lakhs has been spent on our delegations going abroad.

Merger of E.P.Cs.

4507. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to merge different export promotion councils into a powerful Board;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are the names and functions of different export promotion councils at present in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) A statement is enclosed.

Statement

Names of different export promotion councils at present functioning in the country:

(i) Under the administrative control of the Ministry of Commerce:

1. Engineering Export Promotion Council, Calcutta.
2. Overseas Construction Council of India, Bombay.
3. Basic Chemicals, Pharmaceuticals and Cosmetics Export Promotion Council, Bombay.
4. Chemicals and Allied Products Export Promotion Council, Calcutta.
5. Plastic and Linoleums Export Promotion Council, Bombay.
6. Council for Leather Exports, Madras.
7. Gem & Jewellery Export Promotion Council, Bombay.
8. Sports Goods Export Promotion Council, New Delhi.
9. Shellac Export Promotion Council, Calcutta.
10. Cashew Export Promotion Council, Cochin.
12. Electronics and Computer Software Export Promotion Council, New Delhi.